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In re the Application of:

Akira UEDA, et al.

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RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION REQUIREMENT DATED OCTOBER 22, 2001

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: November 16, 2001

Sir:

In response to the Action dated October 22, 2001, Applicants hereby provisionally elect the subject matter of Species I: Fig. 13, upon which claims 14 to 16 are readable, for prosecution in this application. This election is made without traverse, it being understood that the applicants' rights to the filing of a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter under 35 U.S.C. 120 and 35 U.S.C. 121 are retained.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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In the event any additional fees are required in connection with this response, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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